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Follow-up to the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/82 of 8 December 1989, 50/142 of 21 December 1995, 52/81 of 12 December 1997, 54/124 of 17 December 1999, 56/113 of 19 December 2001, 57/164 of 18 December 2002, 58/15 of 3 December 2003, 59/111 of 6 December 2004, 59/147 of 20 December 2004, 60/133 of 16 December 2005, 62/129 of 18 December 2007, 64/133 of 18 December 2009, 66/126 of 19 December 2011, 67/142 of 20 December 2012, 68/136 of 18 December 2013 and 69/144 of 18 December 2014 concerning the proclamation of, preparations for and observance of the International Year of the Family and its tenth and twentieth anniversaries,

Recognizing that the preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year in 2014 provided a useful opportunity to continue to raise awareness of the objectives of the International Year for increasing cooperation on family issues at all levels and for undertaking concerted action to strengthen family-centred policies and programmes as part of an integrated comprehensive approach to development,

Recognizing also that the objectives of the International Year and its follow-up processes, especially those relating to family policies in the areas of poverty, work-family balance and intergenerational issues, can contribute to ending poverty, ending hunger, ensuring a healthy life and promoting the well-being of all at all ages. promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all, and ensuring better education outcomes for children, and to gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls as part of an integrated and comprehensive approach to development,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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Acknowledging that the family-related provisions of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits and their follow-up processes continue to provide policy guidance on ways to strengthen the family-centred components of policies and programmes as part of an integrated and comprehensive approach to development,

Recognizing the efforts made by Governments, the United Nations system, regional organizations and civil society, including academic institutions, to fulfil the objectives guiding the preparations for the twentieth anniversary of the International Year at the national, regional and international levels,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Encourages* Governments to continue to make every possible effort to realize the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes and to develop strategies and programmes aimed at strengthening national capacities to address national priorities relating to family issues;

3. *Invites* Member States to invest in a variety of family-oriented policies and programmes, as an important means for, inter alia, fighting poverty, social exclusion and inequality, promoting work-family balance and gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, advancing social integration and intergenerational solidarity, as well as preventing violence within families, in order to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;[2]

4. *Encourages* Governments to support the United Nations Trust Fund on Family Activities in order to enable the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat to continue, in this regard, to carry out research activities and to provide assistance to countries, upon their request;

5. *Encourages* greater collaboration between the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations active in the family field, as well as research efforts and awareness-raising activities relating to the objectives of the International Year and its follow-up processes,

6. *Calls upon* Member States and agencies and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to provide information on their activities, including on good practices, in support of the objectives of the International Year and its follow-up processes, to be included in the report of the Secretary-General at its seventy-second session;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the objectives of the International Year and its follow-up processes by Member States and by agencies and bodies of the United Nations system;

8. *Decides* to consider the topic "Implementation of the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes" at its seventy-second session under the sub-item entitled "Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family" of the item entitled "Social development".

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[1] A/69/61-E/2014/4 and A/70/61-E/2015/3.

[2] Resolution 70/1.